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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0982

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FONMIN'S COMMENTS ON USSR

1. DURING A VERY WARM, FRIENDLY TALK WITH FONMIN KIKI ON SEPT. 14, HE VOLUNTEERED SOME COMMENTS ABOUT HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW. HE SAID THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS PRESSED HIM TO OBJECT TO THE PRESENCE OF U.S. NUCLEAR SHIPS IN THE INDIAN AND PACIFIC OCEANS, URGING HIM TO RAISE PROTESTS. KIKI MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF DOING ANYTHING OF THE KIND. (COMMENT: LATER IN THE CONVERSATION KIKI SAID "WE LIKE HAVING THE AMERICANS IN THE PACIFIC." HE OBSERVED THAT PEOPLE IN PNG HAVE A VERY GOOD FEELING ABOUT AMERICANS. HE ADDED THAT WHEN SOMETHING IS SAID ABOUT THE U.S. OR ABOUT AMERICANS IN PARLIAMENT, THE MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY BECOME VERY ATTENTIVE AND INTERESTED.)

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2. KIKI SAID THE SOVIETS QUIZZED HIM HARD ABOUT GPNG

INTENTIONS RE JOINING ASEAN. HE WASN'T SURE WHY THEY
PRESSED HIM, BUT SAID THEY SEEMED SATISFIED WHEN HE SAID
PNG HAS NO PLANS TO JOIN.

3. HE ALSO SAID THE SOVIETS HAD DEMONSTRATED A
WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
TO PNG IN THE FIELD OF FISHING, BUT HE TOLD THEM PNG IS
GETTING ALL THE ASSISTANCE IT NEEDS IN THESE FIELDS FROM
JAPAN. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR
ON ANY FORM OF SOVIET AID IN PNG.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT KIKI HAD ALMOST
DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM POLITICS TWO WEEKS AGO, BUT HAS
NOW BEEN PERSUADED TO RUN AGAIN. HIS REELECTION, HOWEVER,
IS BY NO MEANS ASSURED.
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